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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 23, 1998, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 prior to an examination on the merits of the application. The separate species identified by the Examiner are the embodiments of Figures 1 and 3 (designated as "Species 1"), and Figure 2 (Species 2).

Consonant with the Examiner's requirement, [Applicant] provisionally elect with traverse for further prosecution the embodiment shown in Fig. 2, designated as "Species 2." Claims 1-6 are considered to be readable on the elected embodiment.

Notwithstanding the propriety of the election requirement for examination purposes, it should be pointed out that such a requirement is discretionary on the part of the Examiner and Applicant should be entitled to a consideration of a reasonable